to terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, wherever it exists and under whatever name". He added that it would take "firm political will of the freedom-loving world" to rigorously implement the recent Security Council resolutions on the subject of terrorism.

Medical aid and relief material for Afghanistan

1271. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sent medical aid and relief material to Afghanistan for war victims there;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the route through which it was sent to Afghanistan?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH):

(a) to (c) The Government, as part of its commitment to strengthen its bilateral ties with Afghan people, has regularly sent consignments of humanitiarian assistance, through various routes, for the people of Afghanistan, comprising of medical supplies, edible oil, tea, blankets, tents and food items. Recently, Government has pledged to send one million tonnes of wheat for Afghan people. In addition, as part of Government's commitment to contribute to the reconstruction and rehabilitation of post conflict Afghanistan, Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee, has declared to offer a line of credit of US $ 100 million to Afghanistan, after the situation has stabilized in that country.

America's view on Indian Secularism

† 1272. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Department of America has questioned India's secularism; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH):

(a) The U.S. State Department's Congressionally-mandated Annual Report on International Religious Freedom, released on October 26, 2001, affirms that India is a secular State. The Report has commented positively on

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.